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Johnson et al.

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For: ORTHOPEDIC APPLIANCE WITH  
MOISTURE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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### RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL ACTION

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time for response by three months to May 14, 2009, is filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.